

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) A mineral oil-free emollient mixture which comprises ethyl hexyl cocoate and a poly- α -olefin, wherein the content of ethyl hexyl cocoate is between 10% and 90%, by weight, based on the total quantity of ethyl hexyl cocoate and poly- α -olefin.

18-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The mineral oil-free emollient mixture according to Claim 17, wherein the poly- α -olefin comprises a hydrogenated poly- α -olefin.

22. (Previously presented) The mineral oil-free emollient mixture according to Claim 17, wherein the poly- α -olefin comprises an oligomer.

23. (Currently amended) The mineral oil-free emollient mixture according to Claim 17, wherein the poly- α -olefin has a kinetic kinematic viscosity at 100°C of 1-to-100 cSt.

24. (Previously presented) The mineral oil-free emollient mixture according to Claim 17, wherein the content of ethyl hexyl cocoate is 20-to-80%, by weight, based on the total quantity of ethyl hexyl cocoate and poly- α -olefin.

25. (Previously presented) The mineral oil-free emollient mixture according to Claim 17, which consists of ethyl hexyl cocoate and a poly- α -olefin.

26-29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously presented) The mineral oil-free emollient mixture according to Claim 17, wherein an additional emollient is present in a quantity of 0.1-to-50%, by weight, based on the total quantity of ethyl hexyl cocoate and poly- α -olefin.

31. (Previously presented) A cosmetic composition comprising the mineral oil-free emollient mixture according to Claim 17 as a mineral oil substitute.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously presented) The mineral oil-free emollient mixture according to Claim 22, wherein the poly- α -olefin comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a dimer of 1-decene and a dimer of 1-dodecene.

34. (Previously presented) The mineral oil-free emollient mixture according to Claim 23, wherein the poly- α -olefin has a kinematic viscosity at 100°C of from 15-to-40 cSt.

35. (Previously presented) The mineral oil-free emollient mixture according to Claim 24, wherein the content of ethyl hexyl cocoate is from 25%-to-75%, by weight.

36-37. (Canceled)